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NPEFS SUBMISSIONS

Reminder to all NPEFS respondents! We now have five new Special Exhibit Items included in the FY04 survey form. Please try to report these teacher salary breakdowns and textbook expenditures whenever possible. FY04 is the pilot year for these items and we really need to get a sense of what data items the majority of districts can provide so we can plan for future collections.

NEW COORDINATOR TRAINING

NCESs two day *New Coordinator* training session to be held on May 16th & 17th. We will be sending out full details about this special session soon.

NPEFS REMINDERS – SET YOUR FLAGS!

Users of the *new upload feature* are reminded they *still must flag zero data* to distinguish between true zero items versus missing and non-applicable items. When data are missing, set the flag to "M." Flag zero data items where the zero = not applicable with an "N." For respondents that send hard copy data, please indicate "M" or "N" data in attached notes.



CROSSWALK

Version 4.5 of the Crosswalk software has been released. This version includes a transfer to server option located in the software interface (main menu bar File>transfer to server). The feature allows respondents to transfer their translated data submission to the Census Web server without any intervention from NPEFS staff. The respondent can then seamlessly access the Census Bureau's Web site from the Crosswalk hyperlink box to continue with the new on-line editing processes before submitting final data.

Crosswalk Special Exhibit items:

Report the five exhibit items by adding additional records to your state input file and to the translation table. Refer to the Crosswalk User Guide, pages 56 and 57 for "how to" instructions. Also, to further aid you in building records for these items refer to Appendices D and E.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Information about the Federal authority for collecting NPEFS data as well as the methods and deadline for data submissions are published annually in the *Federal Register*. The *Federal Register* notice for the current FY 2004 collection is available on the U.S. Department of Education's Web site at:

http://www.ed.gov/legislation/Fed Register/other/2005-1/ 010505b.html

Data Release for F-33

FY 2003 Public Elementary-Secondary School District Finance Data (F-33) were released on the Census Bureau website on March 17th. We encourage our respondents to browse the electronic publication tables and the downloadable files available on the site. If you have questions about the data please contact the F-33 staff for clarification or to resolve any data issues. The NCES version of the F-33 file will be available soon.

F-33 Data Submissions: FY 2004

Nearly half our respondents have submitted FY 2004 data for F-33. We appreciate your timeliness. Remember, the CCD Fiscal Awards, presented at the 2005 Summer Data Conference are contingent on your submission of F-33 and NPEFS data. All nonrespondents were recently sent emails regarding F-33 submissions. If you have not submitted, please let our staff know an approximate timeline for forwarding us data. Thanks, as always, to all our of respondents for your participation in this data collection.

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